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July Brimfield Flea Market canceled

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BRIMFIELD – The town's Select Board has voted to cancel the Brimfield Flea Antique Market, scheduled for July 14th to 19th.

"Though we are entering into a Phased Reopening of the Commonwealth, there appears little likelihood that we will be safely into the Phase 4 period by July and, even if we were, that conditions would allow for such large, intimate gatherings," Select Board chair Paul McCarthy wrote in a May 27th statement on the Town's website.

He added that the Select Board saw no reason to delay the decision.

"The Town is cautiously optimistic that conditions will improve in time to salvage the September show; however, it would be prudent for all field operators to consider the implementation of new strategies to follow the guidelines for social distancing and aggressive hygiene that will likely be in place," McCarthy wrote.

The Brimfield Antique Flea Market also announced the July cancellation due to COVID-19 on its website, along with a message: "Please stay safe and healthy! We look forward to seeing you later this year."

The May Flea Market was also canceled.

MONSON

Planning Board delays hearing on Main St. property

By Elise Linscott
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MONSON – A public hearing for a proposed commercial property at 96 Main St. was delayed by the Planning Board Tuesday night after technical difficulties.

By the time of the scheduled hearing at 7:30, the Planning Board's Zoom meeting room had reached its capacity – 100 people – and kept kicking attendees out of the meeting as more kept trying to join.

The board noted that more than 1,000 people had signed a petition on change.org against the project which has been circulating online, titled "Say 'No' to a Dollar Store on Main Street in Monson, MA."

"We the undersigned residents, property owners, and business owners of Monson, recently became aware of the proposed large retail development at 96 Main Street, on Academy Hill - one of our last remaining historic districts," the petition stated. "We call on our elected officials of the Planning Board to deny the application after the hearing on June 16th, 2020."

Planning Board chair Craig

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Father dies in crash, daughter injured

Second vehicle driver arrested on vehicular homicide charge

Editor's note: The Journal Register incorrectly stated in an earlier edition that the accident led to two deaths. We sincerely apologize for any distress this caused the family and the community.

By Elise Linscott and Jonah Snowden
Staff writers

BRIMFIELD – A father from Holland was killed and his daughter critically injured on June 7 following a fatal accident between a minivan and a motorcycle in Brimfield.

The driver of the minivan has been charged with motor vehicle homicide resulting from negligent or reckless operation of a motor vehicle and a marked lanes violation.

At approximately 3 p.m., Brimfield police, fire, and EMS were dispatched to 131 East Brimfield Holland Road for a report of a two-vehicle crash involving a minivan and a motorcycle.

Upon arrival, emergency responders discovered Kayla Magoon, 15, and her father Donald Magoon, 43, both of Holland. Kayla was suffering from life-threatening injuries and was provided immediate emergency medical treatment before being flown to UMass Medical Center University to undergo treatment. Donald was pronounced dead at the scene.

Michael Frank, 57, of Holland, has been identified as the operator of the minivan and was reported to have sustained only minor injuries.

According to the initial crash investigation, the minivan had crossed into the oncoming lane and struck the motorcycle head on, then crashed into a telephone pole. Upon collision, both occupants of the motorcycle were thrown from the motorcycle, according to the investigation.

An arrest warrant was issued for Frank on June 15 out of Palmer District Court on charges of motor vehicle homicide resulting from negligent or reckless operation of a motor vehicle and a marked lanes violation.

Frank was arraigned on June 16 at Palmer District Court. His bail was set at \$10,000, on the condition Frank does not operate a motor vehicle if released. His next court date is scheduled for August 13th.

The incident remains under investigation by the Brimfield Police Department, the Massachusetts State Police Detective Unit assigned to the Hampden District Attorney's Office, the Hampden District Attorney's Office Motor Vehicle Homicide Unit, and the Massachusetts State Police Collision Analysis Reconstruction Section.

Hampden District Attorney Anthony Gulluni and Brimfield Police Chief Charles Kuss expressed their sympathies to the Magoon family in a public statement.

Kayla Magoon is recovering according to a family friend and a GoFundMe page has been set up for the family, [gofundme.com/f/jennifermagoon-family](https://www.gofundme.com/f/jennifermagoon-family).



Donald and Kayla Magoon.

Courtesy photo

MONSON

New selectman Mary Hull "grateful" for chance to serve

By Elise Linscott
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MONSON – Mary Hull is the town's newest member of the Board of Selectmen and said she looks forward to getting things done on the board.

Hull is the owner of Mass. Responsible Vendor Training, which has a curriculum approved by the state for training in the Cannabis Industry. She's also member of the town's Board of Health.

Her interest in sitting on the Board of Selectmen grew after she'd been trying to work with the town on the cannabis bylaw and found it difficult with the level of communication, she said.

"I think that being on the Board of Selectmen gives me that opportunity to have a voice, since I do talk to a lot of people and I have a good feel for what's going on in town," Hull said. "And I really want to represent that, because I think a lot of us have felt like sometimes, we weren't heard, or when we did go to a meeting, we didn't feel better leaving it because we didn't feel like anything was accomplished. I don't know if I can do anything about it, but I would like to try because I don't like feeling frustrated like that and I know other people don't."



Submitted photo.

Mary Hull of Monson.

Hull was born in Monson. Previously, she moved to Springfield and lived there for 20 years, but she moved back to Monson about 11 years ago.

She said that when she got the call from the town clerk that she'd won the election, beating three other candidates for the seat, she was "grateful" and "honored."

"When I talk about things being fair or representing people, I mean it; I'll listen to people on any side," she said of stepping into her new role on the board.

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MONSON

Summer programs include performances, reading challenges

By Jonah Snowden
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MONSON – The Monson Free Library is offering a variety of services that will benefit their patrons just in time for summer, from musical performances to reading challenges and activities.

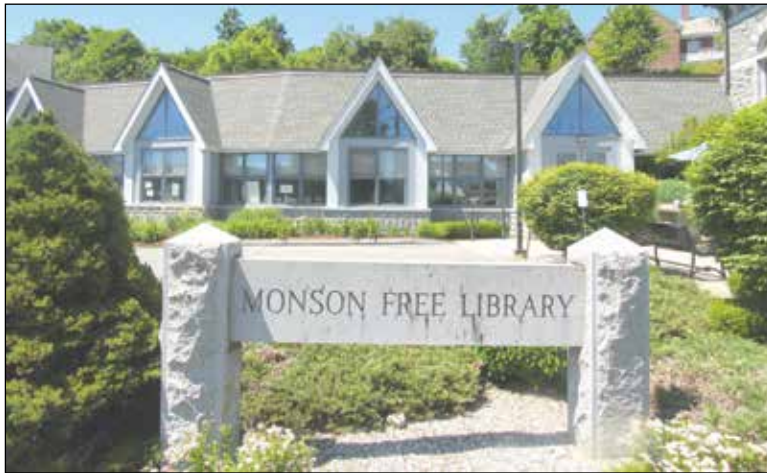
Aside from curbside pickup, which started June 9th, Sandra Courtney, Youth Services Librarian, said the library will be implementing "Imagine Your Story" as the theme of their programs, on Wednesday, July 1st.

The library intends to kick off this theme with a Facebook Live performance by award winning singer and storyteller Davis Bates,

on Wednesday, July 1st, at 10:30 a.m. The official title of the performance is titled "Imagine That!: A Summer Reading Song & Story Celebration."

"I love the whole idea of Imagine Your Story, because it enables you to take that idea of reading, taking new places, and builds on kids' abilities to write their own stories and to use their own imagination," said Courtney. "I feel like we've kind of been locked into virtual learning and plugged into a computer so much the last few months, that we really want to focus this summer on getting kids out and active, using their imagi-

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The Monson Free Library, located on 2 High St.

MONSON

Kate Peterson, new elect to School Committee

By Elise Linscott
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MONSON – One week after the Annual Town Election, newly elected School Committee member Kate Peterson said that despite challenges this upcoming school year with COVID-19, she's looking forward to working with the committee and school administration in her new role.

"As a new School Committee member, I'm looking forward to gaining a new perspective of our education system" while working to "help make a positive change," Peterson said.

Peterson, who's lived in Monson her entire life, is going into her ninth year of working in education. This coming school year will be her third as an interventionist. Before that, she taught first grade.

"I enjoy learning new things and I am excited to dive into budgets, policies, negotiations and curriculum work," she said. "The immediate challenge is going to be navigating this up coming school

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Palmer Group expands campaign to support non-profits

By Jonah Snowden
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PALMER – The Palmer Branding Group (PBG) has expanded on its goal to brand Palmer as the Town of Seven Railroads while assisting Palmer-based nonprofit organizations, which has become especially necessary during the COVID-19 crisis.

Currently, the PBG is asking business owners and town residents to donate an amount of \$50-\$100 towards a Palmer-based nonprofit in exchange for a mini cast-iron locomotive, displayed in business windows or at a public site of the resident's choosing.

"Every week we organize (checks) and send each to the appropriate charity," said PBG organizer Paul Wisniewski. "We also keep our records so that we give (donors) some publicity at the end of the campaign."

A few nonprofits the branding group suggests donating to include the Palmer Historical & Cultural Center (PHCC), Palmer Food Share, Palmer Public Library Summer Reading Program, and the Quaboag Valley Hospice.

The group's original long-term objective is to gather support in recognizing Palmer as a Town of the Seven Railroads. To do that,

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Awareness Grant helps middle schoolers explore career options

By Jonah Snowden
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MONSON – In the summer of 2019, the Monson Public Schools district was awarded a Career Exploration Grant from American Student Assistance that brought \$88,000 into the district.

This three-year grant has provided the district's "Careers in The Middle Program" for students in grades 6-8.

The program is intended to support middle school students in their career awareness and exploration activities and build upon the activities and resources currently available, according to Robert Bardwell, director of school counseling and School-to-Career coordinator for Monson.

A variety of these new activities were available for selected students (based on their grade level) throughout the year, including career-related field trips, college field trips, career awareness and exploration class lessons, guest speakers, contests and spirit days, career, online career research and more.

The grant has led to several successes, including purchasing the virtualjob-shadow.com platform for all 6th, 7th, and 8th graders. On the platform, the 207 students completed two to three career assessments and two to three lessons on soft skills, goal setting, and grit.

"They did several assessments that are in the system, learning about themselves, things they enjoy, things they're good at, some of their values, and then they use that information to look at careers that would be a match," said Bardwell. "So (for example), if you wanted to help sick people, then it would give you, based on those survey questions, a list of healthcare professions that they might want to consider."

This program also established the creation of a K-12 career curriculum map, which outlined career-related lessons, events, and activities for each

grade, and successfully merged 7th, and 8th graders into the culture of Monson High School. It also added career information into the existing curriculum and updated the 12-year-old career cluster pathway guides that have been used for career exploration in the younger grades.

Unfortunately, despite a few successes, some plans, such as the field trips, were put on hold due to COVID-19. Bardwell said he hopes that these plans will be reexamined so that they can benefit the targeted students during the upcoming school year.

"We have it for three years – the grant will be similar at this point for year two, except if we never go on a field trip, then we've got to come up with a different plan, knowing now what we know about remote learning," said Bardwell. "Maybe we'll do a virtual career day, or virtual field trip."

On June 18th, Bardwell plans to attend the ASA Middle School Career Exploration Grant End of Year Event from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., along with representatives of Barnstable Intermediate School, Douglas Middle School, Sutton Middle School, Taunton Public Schools, STEM Middle Academy/Springfield Public Schools, and more.

During his time to present, Bardwell will discuss the steps he proposes for Monson, including adjusting planning time for the 2020-2021 school year during the summer of 2020 and engaging more special teachers in this work, rather than just the core academic faculty; start planning field trips sooner in the year if possible; and create more online activities in event of extended school building closures next year.

In the meantime, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are still welcome to use the Virtual Job Shadow website to continue to learn about their interests, what they believe their good at, learn more about their values, and use that information to learn more about their careers.



Lombard Funeral Home collecting retired flags

MONSON- Lombard Funeral Home began a flag retirement program starting just before Flag Day on Sunday, June 14th. The local family owned funeral home is collecting retired (old, worn, tattered) United States Flags in observance of Flag Day as well as in respect to our military service persons and the U.S. Flag Code of etiquette for our great nation. This is a year-long service for the surrounding communities.

Any and all flags that are collected will be retired in accordance with U.S. Flag Code. Anyone who wishes may drop off flags to be retired at Lombard Funeral Home, 3 Bridge St., Monson, MA 01057, anytime in the flag collection box or hand delivered to a staff member at the funeral home. For more information, contact 413-267-3011, online at www.lombardfuneralhome.com or email at LFHMmonson@aol.com.



Recycling in Palmer July 11th

PALMER – Due to the July 4th holiday falling on the first Saturday in July, recycling will be held on Saturday, July 11th at the Palmer DPW at 1015 Bridge Street in Palmer from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., according to the town's DPW. Please practice social distancing.

Palmer compost area summer schedule

PALMER – The compost area will be opened the third Saturday in July, August and September to afford town residents the opportunity to drop off leaves and grass clippings at the compost area off of Old Warren Road Palmer. Please place leaves and grass clippings in brown paper bags and do not drop off and place up against gate. Reminder: Please practice social distancing. Any questions, please call the DPW at (413) 283-2615.

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Baystate announces new inpatient and outpatient visitor guidelines

As Massachusetts continues its re-opening process and begins to lift restrictions on businesses and health-care organizations, Baystate Health is announcing, effective today (Monday, June 15), new inpatient and outpatient visitor guidelines.

"We are eager to welcome back visitors and to create a more healing environment for all with policies that are necessary to protect the health and safety of our patients and staff," said Nancy Shendell-Falik, President of Baystate Medical Center and Vice President of Operations for Baystate Health.

Visitation hours are daily from noon to 8 p.m.

Non-COVID patients at Baystate Medical Center, Baystate Noble Hospital, Baystate Wing Hospital and Baystate Franklin Medical Center are allowed one visitor at a time in the hospital.

OB patients who are in labor can have one birthing partner and one visitor.

Baystate Children's Hospital will now allow one parent/guardian or one visitor at a time (only one person will be allowed in the patient's room at a time).

No visitors are allowed for COVID patients at all hospitals, except:

- Patients under the age of 18 are allowed one parent or guardian.
- OB patients who are in labor are allowed one birthing partner.
- Hospice patients and end-of-life patients are allowed one person or one clergy member per day.
- Intellectually/physically disabled patients are allowed one companion.

Visitors will not be permitted in common areas such as waiting rooms, cafeterias or gift shops, and must travel directly to and from the patient's room when entering and leaving the hospital.

For patients attending outpatient appointments or visiting outpatient practices, no companions are allowed except:

- One parent/guardian for a patient 18 years old or younger.
- One caretaker for a completely dependent patient.

All visitation is at the discretion of Baystate Health.

For the latest information on visitor guidelines, visit baystatehealth.org/visitors.

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they have purchased several miniature-cast-iron locomotives, which Wisniewski said they're also gifting to all the restaurants and other businesses in town that require support due to the hardships they endured during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This is the icon, or identifier, of Palmer, as a Town of Seven Railroads," said Wisniewski. "It's never been publicized, and not many people know about it."

He also said by bringing more attention to the icon, and more people aware and in support of Palmer being a stop in Boston-Springfield commuter rail line when it is in development, it will not only help the local area, but the 24 other surrounding communities.

Eventually, Wisniewski said he hopes that over 50 to 60 of these icons will be visible in places where many people usually meet in town.

"We really wanted to make it a modest campaign," said Wisniewski. "We don't go to the country banks or the box stores."

Wisniewski also said he would like to highlight the fact that there are three other members aside from him that can be contacted for any information.

Fellow members include Marc Graveline, owner of Crimmins Graveline Insurance Agency Inc., Bob Haveles, Principal, Treasurer, and Architect of Architectural Insights Inc. and President of PHCC, and John Sasur, former water commissioner and community volunteer.

"We've all done an awful lot for the town, serving on various committees in various offices, and now we're giving back," said Wisniewski.

Citizens are also welcomed to donate. Anyone who donate \$50-\$100 towards a Palmer-based NPO can also have a locomotive symbol placed for public display in a site of their choosing, such as the Senior Center, Amvets Post 74, a public park, and more. Checks of any amount directly to the NPO or PBG P.O. Box.

For any questions, call PBG members Graveline at 413-531-9761; Sasur at 413-374-3413; Haveles at 413-896-9550; and Wisniewski at 413-293-6561. PBG's Post Office Box is P.O. Box 134, Three Rivers, MA, 01080.

Keep Homestead Museum schedule

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Keep Homestead Museum will be closed for the rest of 2020. Several events have been postponed until 2021. The new schedule will be as follows::

- July 4 - Closed
- July 11 - Ice Cream Social
- August 1 - Concert on the Lawn with Live-stock

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year during the COVID-19 pandemic.”

On June 9th, Peterson won a contested race for a three-year term on the School Committee.

Knowing the polls closed at 8, she started checking the town website around 9 p.m. then “decided to just relax and wait to receive the news,” she said.

“Mary Watson, our town clerk, called me a short time later” Peterson said. “I was so excited and honored. After hugs from my family, I let my mother and my in-laws know the good news and thanked them for their continued support.”

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Despite being in the midst of unprecedented times, Hull said she’s also been inspired seeing the town come together and help each other through the pandemic and stand unified by causes like the Black Lives Matter movement and protest in town.

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Sweitzer said he hadn’t realized that the free version of Zoom implemented a 100-person limit on meetings. Town administrator Evan Brassard couldn’t be reached by phone to see if it was possible to upgrade Zoom and immediately increase the meeting capacity, according to administrative assistant Kate Baker.

“I just hate not to have all the people who are interested,” said board chair Craig Sweitzer, advocating for holding off on opening the public hearing. “I hate to close the door.”

Board member Karen King said she also didn’t feel right opening the hearing with so many people not allowed into the meeting to hear the information in real-time.

While the project’s application doesn’t specify which business could occupy the space, the online petition speculates it could be a General Dollar or Dollar Tree.

“The submitted parking plan and architectural design is exactly what Dollar General and Dollar Tree specify for new leases,” according to the petition. “For example, Netleaseadvisor.com states that ‘Dollar General’s new store model is approximately 9,100 square feet on 1.00 acre of land to accommodate a minimum of 30 parking spaces.’ It is not a coincidence that the building proposed for 96 Main St. is exactly 9,100 square feet.”

“We the undersigned strongly believe that approval of the special use permit for 96 Main Street would forever harm the harmonious relationship with Academy Hill,” the petitioner wrote. “More importantly, a corporate chain like Dollar General would be a guaranteed wallop to small, locally-owned businesses like Woodbine Country Store, Adams’ Supermarket, and Squire Lumber.”

Board member Tara Hengeveld proposed continuing the public hearing to two weeks from then, on June 30th at 7 p.m. via Zoom, which was unanimously approved. Board members said they expected to have increased meeting room capacity at that time.

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Pathfinder refunds \$100,000 to towns

In a continuing effort to assist member towns with current and future budget concerns, the Pathfinder Regional School Committee approved two measures last week that should give the towns a bit of good news.

At the June 10th meeting, members voted unanimously for Business Manager Greg Falcone’s recommendation to return \$100,000 of FY20 funds to the towns in the form of a check for their proportional share: Belchertown \$18,493;

Granby \$3,767; Hardwick \$4,795; Monson \$13,186; New Braintree \$1,027; Oakham \$2,568; Palmer \$27,397; Ware \$19,349; Warren \$9,418.

Pathfinder Superintendent Gerald Paist said, “While each town’s refund was relatively small, every dollar counts in these uncertain times.” He also stated that the school committee hoped to create a feeling of good will along with the

dollars.

In other related business, the committee also unanimously approved a recommendation by Mr. Falcone to reduce the FY21 budget to a zero percent increase. The original increase was 1.8%. Revised assessments that were forwarded to towns this week were Belchertown \$1,328,386; Granby \$324,887; Hardwick \$298,817; Monson \$1,056,472; New Braintree \$83,330; Oakham \$212,339;

Palmer \$1,748,045; Ware \$1,101,679; Warren \$505,612. Several items make up a town’s assessment, but the major component is the number of students from that town at Pathfinder.

Paist commented, “We are still weeks away from knowing how much state aid Pathfinder will receive, but we anticipate a significant reduction. That may cause us to revise the assessments again.”

Domestic violence at higher risk during pandemic

By Mary Kociela
Guest columnist

In the current pandemic, when victims of abuse are more isolated than ever, we are seeing a rise in more serious cases. Although any case of domestic violence is serious, and potentially lethal, there are some behaviors that can indicate a higher risk. One of them is strangulation. According to the Training Institute on Strangulation Prevention, a victim who is strangled by their intimate partner is seven times more likely to be killed by that partner.

Non-fatal strangulation is the act of choking/strangling an intimate partner, not

with the intent to kill them, but rather to send the message “I can kill you.” It’s a terrifying means of abuse that happens with much greater frequency than you may think. In fact, in just three months since the start of social isolation practices in mid-March, there have been 18 strangulations reported to our office, and those are just the ones we know about. The number is surely much higher. In some cases, victims experience strangulation over and over at the hands of their partner, rendering them afraid for their life and afraid to call for help.

If you or someone you know is in an abusive relationship and has been the victim

of choking/strangulation here’s some information we want you to know.

Strangulation is one of several factors known to increase risk of lethality in an intimate partner relationship. Other abuser high-risk behaviors/factors include threats to kill, access to weapons, particularly a gun, threats of suicide, stalking, animal abuse, child abuse or abuse during pregnancy, escalation of violence, untreated mental health issues and unemployment.

If you have been strangled it’s very important to seek medical attention. Even when there are no signs or symptoms at the time of the incident, symptoms

can develop 48 to 72 hours later and can be potentially lethal. Signs to look for can include dizziness or seeing spots, difficulty breathing, unable to swallow, raspy voice, ringing in ears or sore throat. If you can’t seek immediate medical attention call your doctor or ask a trusted adult to observe you for any of the signs listed above.

Strangulation is a felony crime in the state of Massachusetts. Call 911 or your local hotline for assistance with a restraining order or to press criminal charges. The courts are currently closed to the public but you can still access legal assistance over the phone. Greenfield: 413-774-5533

Orange: 978-544-8277
Belchertown: 413-323-4056
Northampton: 413-584-7400

Calls to hotlines are free and confidential. Advocates can help you think about what to do and work with you to create a safety plan whether or not you choose to leave. Franklin County, NELCWIT: 413-772-0806
Hampshire County-Safe Passage: 413-586-5066
Llamanos Spanish Language Line: 800-223-5001

Remember you are not alone and help is available.

Mary Kociela is the director of domestic and sexual violence projects for the Northwestern District Attorney’s Office.

Dr. Henry Tulgan honored by the Massachusetts Medical Society

PALMER – Dr. Henry Tulgan has been honored by the Massachusetts Medical Society with its 2020 Award for Distinguished Service.

The honor, one of the most prestigious given by the Society to one of its members, is awarded each year to a member of the Society who has made significant contributions to the goals of the organization through demonstrated leadership, member recruitment, and committee work.

Tulgan is nationally recognized expert in the field of medical education has held the position of Director of Continuing Medical Education at Baystate Wing Hospital since 2008.

Tulgan has been an active member of the Massachusetts Medical Society for more than 50 years, was president of the Berkshire District Medical Society from 1976-1978 and was the district Clinician of the Year in 2011.

“Dr. Tulgan brings a remarkable perspective and unique insight into the work of the MMS. He has been a great mentor and collaborator for the Chair of the Committee on Medical Education and for the other education committees,” said Dr. Michael J. Rosenblum, who leads the Medical Society’s Committee on Medical Education. “His attention to detail and thoughtful approach to com-



plex problems sets him apart from his peers.”

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SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

When should we claim our benefits?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: We served overseas for several years, not earning many quarters for Social Security. However, we have made sure that we paid in over time so we can receive a benefit, but it will not amount to much. For the past several years now, we have been back in the U.S. earning some professional salaries. Now it looks like at full retirement age my husband will get \$1,147 a month, and I will get \$1,026 a month. I was born in 1957 and my husband in 1956. My first questions is for the most financial benefit, when should we each start collecting Social Security: either now or at full retirement age? My second question is will our amounts change because we are married and both collecting? Signed: Overseas Worker

Dear Overseas Worker: To answer your second question first, no, your benefit amounts will not change because you are married and both collecting. Based upon the numbers you provided, neither of you will be eligible for a “spousal boost” from the other because your benefit amounts at your FRA are too similar, so maximizing your individual benefits should be your goal.

As for your other question, when you should start collecting depends upon a number of factors, including your financial needs and, importantly, your expected longevity. Both of you can get the maximum benefit available to you by waiting until you are 70 years old to claim, but that only makes sense if you are in good health and expect at least average longevity (about 84 for a man and 87 for a woman).

If you claim benefits before you reach your full retirement age (66 ½ for you and 66 plus 4 months for your husband), those benefits will be cut. If you collect now, your benefit would be cut by about 27% and your husband’s by about 22% (based upon your respective years of birth). Further, if you claim before your full retirement ages and continue to work, you’ll be subject to Social Security’s earnings test, which limits the amount you can earn before they take back some of your benefits (the 2020 earnings limit is \$18,240; if you exceed that they’ll take back half of anything you earn over the limit). The earnings limit changes annually but goes away at your FRA.

At your full retirement ages, you’ll be entitled to 100% of the benefits you’ve earned from your lifetime of working (approximately the amounts estimated now). If you can and do wait beyond your full retirement age (FRA), for each month you delay you’ll earn delayed retirement credits of 2/3 of 1% per month of delay (8% per year of delay), up to age 70 when your maximum benefit is reached. As a point of information, if you wait until your full retirement age to claim, you will have collected the same amount of money at age 78 as if you had claimed at age 62; and if you wait until age 70 to claim you’ll have collected the same amount of money at age 82 as if you had collected at your full retirement age. If you live at least until “average” longevity, you’ll collect more in cumulative Social Security benefits by waiting.

So, when should you claim? If you’re still working and earning “professional salaries,” then waiting at least until your full retirement age would be a wise choice. If you expect at least average longevity and don’t need the money right away, waiting until age 70 would be a prudent strategy. But if you don’t work and expect less than average longevity, then claiming at any time you need the money would be a reasonable decision. This is a choice only each of you can make.

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What to do about hungry deer and sick lilacs

Let’s take a look into the archives! Both of the following questions came up this past week so perhaps a refresher course on the following topics would be helpful.

Michelle is troubled by deer in her orchard. “My apple trees have been surrounded by cages of four foot fencing since I planted them seven years ago. It has done the trick of keeping the deer away, and now the trees are quite large. My only problem is that the orchard looks unkempt. I almost never get around to cutting the grass that grows within the cages down. Is there some other type of deterrent that I can use to keep the deer from eating my apple trees? If so, I’d be able to take the fencing down and cut the grass fairly close with the lawn mower.”

Deer can sure be a nuisance to apple growers. At work, the perimeter of our orchard is enclosed by a seven foot chain link fence; it is great at keeping the deer out. If cost or aesthetics prohibits you from installing something similar height-wise around your trees, head to the local grocery store or pharmacy and search out the soap aisle. Yes, you read correctly. Deodorant soap, the more fragrant the better, has been proven to scare away deer. According to “Deerproofing Your Yard & Garden” by Rhonda Massingham Hart (Storey Publishing, \$14.95) use the soap by first drilling a hole through unwrapped bars big enough to pass a piece of cording through, then hang in the trees three feet apart from one another and three to six feet off the ground. You can also unwrap the soap and insert it into nylon stockings then simply tie it in a loose knot around a branch. Either way the smell will permeate the surrounding area enough to keep deer at a distance. Dog hair, as well as human hair, also seem to work well as deterrents. Become good friends with the local groomer or hairdresser and collect their droppings, then hang bags of it around the orchard

at the height and distance recommended above. Both of these solutions, although not entirely aesthetically pleasing, seem to be better alternatives than the one you presently have.

This question came from Rose who lives in Ware: “My sister-in-law’s lilac has a sick look to it. The new growth is curling, turning brown and eventually dropping from the plant. Do you have any idea what could be causing this?”

Without seeing it I can’t give you an exact diagnosis, but I can guess that it may be either a bacterial blight or a phytoph-

thora fungal blight. Both are common in wet weather, and we sure have had enough of that this spring. Symptoms of bacterial blight are splotchy leaves that turn brown and eventually die. New growth hangs in a pendulous fashion and flower buds sometimes blacken. Treat by pruning away the infected portion, as well as about six inches of healthy tissue below it. In between cuts sanitize your clippers with rubbing alcohol. Keep the bush pruned to allow good air circulation, and fertilize and lime in early spring. A fertilizer with a higher second number (phosphorus) is recommended. Phytophthora fungal blight has similar symptoms with the addition of brittle leaves and infected mature foliage. Reportedly, white-flowered lilacs are more susceptible. For a definite verdict of your problem and ways to treat it go online to the UMass Amherst’s Plant Problem Diagnostics webpage and follow the directions to send them a sample.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with “Gardening Question” in the subject line.



Roberta McQuaid
Columnist

In My Backyard

By Ellenor Downer

Paula Ouimette, the author’s daughter, drew this male blue-gray gnatcatcher.

A co-worker has a blue-gray gnatcatcher hanging around her yard. It is a small bird about 4 ½ inches long. The male has a black eyebrow during breeding. The female lacks the black eyebrow. Blue-gray gnatcatchers have blue gray upper parts and mostly white below. They have a white eye-ring and cock or flick the tail from side to side.

The female lays three to six pale blue eggs with dark spots in a tiny cup nest. The gnatcatcher makes a nest of plant fibers, down and spider webs with a lining of finer materials. The gnatcatcher, like the ruby-throated hummingbird, covers the outside of the nest with lichens.

Gnatcatchers scratch trees and crevices for insects, their eggs, larvae and spiders. They also catch flies and gnats in midair. They inhabit woods, swamps and areas with shrubs. Their song is a series of grasshopper like buzzy notes and the call is a thin “zeeeee.”

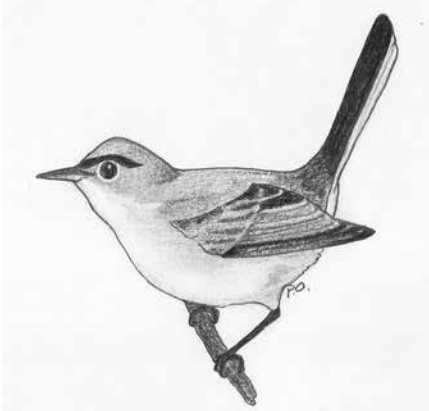
Other birds and squirrels

Besides the blue-gray gnatcatcher the co-worker had a cowbird pair, a northern flicker, a bluebird and of course, hummingbirds. She said, “I had a banner bird weekend. I can’t remember the last time I saw a flicker.” She said their neighbor cut down some trees in his yard and now she and her husband see more birds in their yard.

She and her husband have been watching a squirrel make her nest in a tree cavity for a couple of months. She said, “This weekend we were treated to three young squirrels exiting the nest and scampering up and down the tree.”

Nesting bluebirds

An Oakham couple has bluebirds nesting in their backyard. Recently, they saw a fledgling bluebird perched on the



roof of the special bluebird feeder. Its father was feeding it. They also have five eggs in one of their bluebird houses. They also saw a scarlet tanager, but they have not seen it since the initial sighting.

Pileated woodpecker

My daughter, Jenny, and family had a pileated woodpecker hammering away on a log in their yard. They hope it will be a regular visitor.

Nesting bald eagles

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) announces it has already documented over 70 active bald eagle nests throughout Massachusetts this spring. MassWildlife has seen a dramatic uptick in newly documented eagle nests this year and has confirmed nine new nests in Fitchburg, Wenham, Concord, Rutland, Wareham, Medford, Northampton, Hudson and Barnstable. The new Barnstable nest marks the first nest with eggs on Cape Cod in 115 years; the last was in Sandwich in 1905. Lake Winnisquam in New Hampshire where I have a camp has a nesting pair of eagles on an island at the southern end of the lake. My camp is at the northern end of the lake.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at extension 100 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.

Using an “All-weather Umbrella Plan”

“Wait a minute! New England’s weather will change!” is a well-known phrase for those who live in the Northeast United States of America.

Even when summertime arrives mid-June, sometimes late spring showers mix with unexpected bursts of hail. Thunder and lightning storms usher drenching, puddling rains onto thirsty grounds and gardens. When warm weather sweeps ashore, seacoast squalls billow across beaches.

Whether living in the mountains or valleys of New England’s western regions or the eastern coastal area, most residents could use an action plan while waiting for the weather to switch.

Then, maybe it’s wise to have an “All-weather Umbrella Plan”? Borrowing a familiar insurance policy term helps us to learn that an umbrella policy covers that which needs extra extended coverage.

Whether your go-to umbrella protects you from soaking showers or whether it’s a big backyard umbrella for protection from hours in harmful sunrays, or even if it’s a big, family beach umbrella, its purpose is to provide a covering; a shield; a safe guard from weather-related elements.

Interestingly, an umbrella’s components are well suited for standing up under some of life’s atmospheric issues. Whether it’s cascading, torrential rains or a backyard or beach time with extended sun overexposure, an umbrella offers a protective covering.

Simply put, an umbrella is composed of a shaft, spokes, stretchers, springs, a canopy and a handle. Using a little imagination, let’s pop up “An all-weather Umbrella Plan.” Maybe use it when you’re caught in a rainstorm, or sitting out enjoying the sunshine? Or, possibly use it when dealing with life’s important situations?

First let’s consider an umbrella’s construction and the design’s purpose:

Shaft: A central, mainstay staff. Strong. Dependable. Adjustable and can be extended to desired, intentional lengths.

Spokes: “rib-like” supportive, curved structures. Designed purposefully to bend in a curved shape. Flexible. Movable. Supportive to the central shaft.

Stretchers: Strong, supportive “extended arms” holding up the “rib-like” spokes. Specifically designed to stay connected to each other and to the shaft.

Springs: Two, shaft-installed catch springs. When pressed, their function brings the umbrella covering UP for protection or DOWN for storage and future use.

Canopy: A cover made from eight, custom-cut, weather-proof nylon panels.

Handle: The handgrip is strategically connected to the shaft bearing the weight of all the umbrella’s components and purpose.

Having “An all-weather Umbrella Plan” prepares us as family members and friends to be alert in protecting and safely preserving others and ourselves from any harmful, pelting, overexposure to surrounding elements.

There are times when life calls us to be a shaft; a strong, dependable central figure who is available and adjustable to “go the extra mile” with good intentions. There are moments when we must be flexibly supportive. There are events when strong, extended arms need to hold up the ones who are also part of The Design’s intended good purpose. Resilient, properly placed, quick, spring-like action is another important deed when giving protection and coverings from what may cause damage.

However. Whenever. Wherever. We can brighten the world around us when choosing unique umbrellas with a patriotic, nostalgic, or whimsical design. Let’s get a grasp on situations and forecasts. Let’s grab a strong, portable, on-the-go umbrella for sudden showers. Let’s grip a big umbrella for sun-filled times in the backyard or beach. Hmm. Shall we take on life’s challenges with a pop-up “All-weather Umbrella Plan” and use it?



JOAN E. B. COOMBS

Election letters to the editor welcome

The Journal Register welcomes readers to participate in this year’s election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to dfarmer@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday’s newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Douglas Farmer at 413-283-8393.

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Police/Fire

Fire Logs

PALMER
The Palmer Fire Department responded to a total of nine calls from June 10th to June 15th.

On Wednesday, June 10th, at 1:25 p.m., the department provided public assistance on Homestead Drive. The department returned to service at 2:01 p.m.

On Thursday, June 11th, at 9:00 p.m., the department responded to an oil spill on Breckenridge Street. The department returned to service at 9:23 p.m.

On Friday, June 12th, at 3:58 p.m., the department responded to an MVA vs building on Park Street. The department returned to service at 6:15 p.m.

On Friday, June 12th, 4:29 p.m., the department responded to an MVA vs building on Park Street. The department returned to service at 4:52 p.m.

On Friday, June 12th, at 6:12 p.m., the department responded to a structure fire on North Main Street. The department returned to service

at 7:02 p.m.

On Friday, June 12th, at 10:01 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on Breckenridge Street. The department returned to service at 10:24 p.m.

On Monday, June 15th, at 12:29 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on Commercial Street. The department returned to service at 1:22 p.m.

On Monday, June 15th, at 8:52 p.m., the department responded to a call on Central Street. No incident was found at dispatched address. The department returned to service at 9:10 p.m.

On Monday, June 15th, at 10:08 p.m., the department provided medical assistance on South Main Street. The department returned to service at 10:47 p.m.

BONDSDVILLE
The Bondsville Fire Department responded to a total of eight calls from June 9th to June 15th.

On Thursday, June 9th, at 9:17

p.m., the duty officer responded to Main Street for an illegal burn. The duty officer returned to service at 9:48 p.m.

On Wednesday, June 10th, at 12:53 p.m., the duty officer responded to High Street, to investigate an outside burning complaint. The duty officer returned to service at 1:24 p.m.

On Friday, June 12th, at 12:52 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for an alarm activation due to a malfunction. The department returned to service at 1:32 p.m.

On Friday, June 12th, at 6:18 p.m., the department was provided mutual to North Main Street in Palmer for a structure fire. The call was cancelled enroute, and the department returned to service at 6:23 p.m.

On Saturday, June 13th, at 7:45 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for an alarm activation due to a malfunction. The department returned to service at 8:10 p.m.

On Saturday, June 13th, at 8:12

a.m., the department responded to Main Street for an alarm activation. The department returned to service at 8:22 p.m.

On Saturday, June 13th, at 3:13 p.m., an individual walked into the fire station requesting an ambulance. Assistance was provided until the arrival of a Palmer ambulance, and the department returned to service at 3:25 p.m.

On Monday, June 15th, at 4:44 p.m., the department responded to Main Street for a motor vehicle accident with a car in the river. The department returned to service at 5:59 p.m.

THREE RIVERS
The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to a total of four calls from June 11th to June 16th.

On Thursday, June 11th, at 9:08 a.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on Ruggles Court. The department returned to service at 9:20 a.m.

On Friday, June 12th, at 5:18 p.m., the department responded

to a smoke detector activation on Springfield Street. The department returned to service at 5:30 p.m.

On Friday, June 12th, at 6:18 p.m., the department provided mutual to the Palmer Fire Department, which was cancelled. The department returned to service at 6:23 p.m.

On Tuesday, June 16th, at 12:15 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Springfield Street. The department returned to service at 12:20 p.m.

MONSON
The Monson Fire and Emergency Services Department responded to a total of seven Fire Calls and 26 EMS Calls from June 8th to June 14th.

On Monday, June 8th, at 8:34 p.m., the department responded to an unauthorized burning on State Avenue. The department returned to service at 8:50 p.m.

On Tuesday, June 9th, at 4:18 a.m., the department responded to a smoke alarm activation on Country

Club Heights. The department returned to service at 4:50 a.m.

On Tuesday, June 9th, at 9:09 a.m., the department responded to a smoke alarm activation on Country Club Heights. The department returned to service at 9:40 a.m.

On Tuesday, June 9th, at 4:58 a.m., the department responded a smoke alarm activation on Country Club Heights. The department returned to service at 5:15 a.m.

On Wednesday, June 10th, at 12:58 p.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Main Street. The department returned to service at 1:15 p.m.

On Saturday, June 13th, at 7:55 a.m., the department responded to an alarm activation on Crow Hill Road. The department returned to service at 8:20 a.m.

On Sunday, June 14th, at 11:36 a.m., the department responded to a smoke alarm activation on Hampden Avenue. The department returned to service at 11:49 a.m.

Police Logs

PALMER
The Palmer Police Department responded to a total of 304 calls from June 10th to June 16th. The department made three arrests or summons. Those arrested will appear in the Palmer District Court at a future date and are innocent until proven guilty.

Sunday, June 14

Ryan A. Szafranski, 30, of 10 Orchard St., Palmer, was arrested at 10:50 a.m., on the intersection on Main Street and Bourne Street in Three Rivers, for a warrant and possession of a Class B drug.

Monday, June 15

Amanda Migdalia Martinez, 31, of 1047 Pleasant St. Apt. #106, Palmer, was arrested at 4:18 p.m., on Park Street in Palmer, on charges of operating under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle; and a marked lanes violation.

MONSON
The Monson Police Department made one summons from June 7th to June 13th. Those arrested will appear in the Palmer District Court at a future date and are innocent until proven guilty.

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WNEU appoints Dr. Robert E. Johnson University President

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University's Board of Trustees is pleased to announce the unanimous appointment of Dr. Robert E. Johnson as the institution's sixth President, according to Chairman of the Board of Trustees Kenneth M. Rickson. Dr. Johnson succeeds Dr. Anthony S. Caprio, who has served as Western New England University's President with distinction for more than 24 years – the longest presidential tenure in the history of the University.

"We believe we have found the perfect leader to build on our growth as an institution as we chart a course for Western New England's second century," said Rickson. "A scholar in the areas of educational leadership, cultural diversity and leadership, marketing and enrollment management, and the future of work, Dr. Johnson is a renowned thought leader who speaks and writes about the Future of Work, the Agile Mind, the Agile University, and innovating for social impact."

Johnson currently serves as chancellor of the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. "Building on the leadership and legacy of Dr. Caprio is humbling and an honor," he said. "His transformation and elevation of Western New England University for 24 years is historic. I look forward to engaging with the campus community to create a shared ambition in writing its next chapter in this extraordinary time, and navigating through this global pandemic and social unrest with a sense of humanity and civility."

Johnson's 30-year leadership career spans non-profit colleges and universities in the Northeast and Midwest, including public, private, urban, rural, small and large institutions with enrollments from 2,000 to more than 25,000 students. Prior to becoming chancellor at UMass Dartmouth, he served as president of Becker College in Worcester from 2010 to 2017. He has held leadership positions with Sinclair College, the University of Dayton, Oakland University, and Central State University (Ohio). His career reflects several firsts – not only as an African-American leader, but also as the youngest person to hold senior administrative roles.

Johnson's tenure at UMass Dartmouth resulted in a number of significant accomplishments, including leading the region to create a framework for the blue economy, which will be an ecosystem to drive job creation, economic development and entrepreneurship, launching a



\$188 million construction and renovation project for new housing and dining, and the renovation of its Science and Engineering building. Also securing the largest single research grant in the history of the university from the Office of Naval Research for \$4.6 are among the many milestones during his tenure.

As President of Becker College from 2010 to 2017, Johnson led enrollment growth for seven consecutive years by 23%, increased degrees awarded by 53%, and graduation rate by 29%. His innovative leadership elevated the reputation of the digital games program, ranked third in the world by The Princeton Review, and #1 in New England. He also helped create the first bachelor's degree in the U.S. in global citizenship. The U.S. Department of Economic Development designated the college as one of 60 schools as a University Center. Creating the Agile Mindset positioned its curriculum with a unique niche in the higher education landscape.

"The Agile Mindset, which provides students the skillset and mindset to create new value with essential human skills to meet the demands of the future, will be critical to the academy in a post Covid-19 world," according to Johnson. "I look forward to working with our community to evolve the paradigm for the higher education industry that steeps our students with a sense of humanity, grounding them in the liberal arts with an entrepreneurial spirit that spurs innovation and transforms the world."

Former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick appointed Dr. Johnson to the Mass Tech Collaborative and Governor Charlie Baker appointed him to the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education and the Hate Crimes Task Force and the Black Advisory Council.

A native of Detroit, Dr. Johnson was inspired to pursue a life of education for the social good by his uncle who was a classmate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. Johnson holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Touro University International, formerly a division of Touro College, New York, NY; a Master's degree in Education Administration from the University of Cincinnati; a Bachelor's degree in Economics from Morehouse College in Atlanta; and a Certificate in Applied Neuroscience from MIT Sloan School of Management.

Dr. Johnson will begin his new role as President of Western New England University on August 15.

STCC professor creates virtual preschool

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield Technical Community College student-teachers will get experience this summer instructing young children through a virtual preschool.

Assistant Professor Aimee Dalenta, chair of the Early Childhood Education program at STCC, came up with the idea of the Pioneer Valley Virtual Preschool, which was created in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

About 14 education students at STCC enrolled in a summer student teaching course needed to get hands-on teaching experience. Normally, they would go into preschools and have face-to-face interactions with children, but pandemic-related restrictions meant face-to-face teaching was not viable this summer.

"Because we are living in times of uncertainty, schools are not yet able to safely open to accommodate this type of learning," Dalenta said. "Therefore, we have created student-centered, virtually connected learning experiences for children ages 3, 4, and 5 to enjoy while we wait to transition back into our beloved classrooms."

Dalenta said face-to-face interaction is the best way to teach, nurture and support the development and growth of preschool children.

"Virtual learning is not the best practice for this age group, but the virtual preschool provides our early childhood education students with the opportunity to participate in a practicum, which means they will get experience teaching real students," Dalenta said.

STCC is collaborating with established private preschools to enroll children in the virtual school. STCC students will develop a curriculum, or plan for instruction. A professor and professional preschool teachers and directors from area preschools will supervise student-teachers and make sure the teaching is in compliance with the state Department of Early Education and Care (EEC). The EEC approved the virtual preschool as part of an emergency plan stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic.

A technology-focused college like STCC is an ideal place to launch a virtual preschool, said Richard Greco, dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Professional Studies.

Greco said STCC is the only community college in Massachusetts using a virtual preschool for student-teachers to get experience.

"I'm proud of the work the Early Childhood Education department put in to launching the virtual preschool. We are leading the way for Massachusetts community colleges," Greco said. "At STCC, there is a focus on technology and innovation in all of our departments, even ones you wouldn't expect. Our early childhood education department created a website and the infrastructure that's associated with it. The students are using the technology. I am impressed with the way students and faculty are adapting during uncertain times."

Greco said the virtual preschool experience is a natural progression for the STCC education students who are taking online classes this summer and fall. Early Childhood Education Transfer, a two-year degree program at STCC, is for students who intend to transfer to a four-year college or university to seek a bachelor's degree, leading to teacher licensure for pre-kindergarten to second grade in a public school.

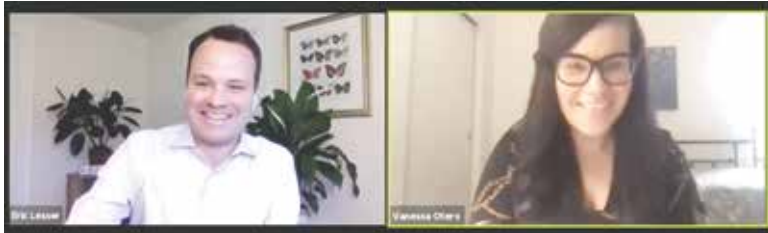
"The students want to do this online practicum because they've been exposed to this type of learning in such an embedded way since March," he said. "The virtual preschool is going to offer a benefit for the community."

Some of the classes will be taught in Spanish by bilingual STCC students. The virtual preschool will be open for 10-10:30 a.m., Monday through Thursdays, for six weeks beginning June 22.

For more information about the Pioneer Valley Virtual Preschool, contact Aimee Dalenta at adalenta@stcc.edu. Seats for the virtual preschool are limited.

For more information about the Early Childhood Education Transfer program at STCC, visit stcc.edu/explore/programs/ecetr.as/.

Lesser hosts livestream on racism, social justice and nonprofit work



SPRINGFIELD – Last week, Senator Eric P. Lesser was joined by Vanessa Otero, interim director of the Healing Racism Institute of Pioneer Valley, for a

livestream conversation on racism, social justice, and nonprofit work amidst the Coronavirus outbreak. The Healing Racism Institute of

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CAMPUS NOTES

Local residents named to Becker College Dean's List

Becker College is proud to announce that the following local residents were named to the Dean's List for the Spring 2020 semester.

Clayton Courtemanche, of Monson, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, Sports Management Concentration.

Emma Devlin, of Brimfield, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Veterinary Science, Clinical and Laboratory Animal Medicine.

Julian Vaill, of Palmer, is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interactive Media Design, Game Development and Programming Concentration.

Emily Huff of Monson named to SUNY Potsdam President's List

Emily Huff of Monson was recently named to the President's List at The State University of New York at Potsdam.

Huff, whose major is Community Health, was

among 1,114 SUNY Potsdam students who were honored for academic excellence in the Spring 2020 semester. College President Dr. Kristin G. Esterberg recognized the students for earning top marks.

Elise Hanks-Witaszek Named to Dean's List at Lebanon Valley

Elise Hanks-Witaszek of Brimfield is one of more than 850 Lebanon Valley College students named to the Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester. Dean's list students must maintain a GPA of at

least 3.4 out of 4.0.

Hanks-Witaszek received a bachelor of science in actuarial science at The Valley. Hanks-Witaszek is a graduate of Tantasqua Regional High School.

Second Chance low-cost spay/neuter program resumes

Nonprofit's vet hospitals continue to see increased need for veterinary care

Second Chance Animal Services is taking on many challenges in resuming low-cost spay/neuter at their three nonprofit veterinary hospitals. The popular program that offers pet owners an affordable option to have their pet fixed was put on hold as the COVID-19 pandemic began affecting the region in March, postponing hundreds of appointments indefinitely. As critical supplies became more readily available, Second Chance focused efforts on carefully resuming the program.

The Springfield and Worcester spay/neuter programs have fully resumed in late May, while the North Brookfield program remains limited to accommodate the increased need for emergency surgeries at this time. With some veterinary hospitals still closed or limiting services, Second Chance continues to see twice their normal case-load of emergencies.

Second Chance CEO

Sheryl Blancato wants pet owners to know just how hard Second Chance is working to schedule the backlog of appointments. "We really, really hated to suspend several of our programs like spay/neuter because we know just how much pet owners rely on them, and how important they are to the health of pets in our community. There are currently hundreds of applications awaiting scheduling on top of the rescheduling postponed appointments. We regret the unavoidably long wait. We're doing everything we can to get caught up as quickly as possible."

Dedicated staff are calling pet owners in the order their application or message was received. Pet owners who have already submitted an application are encouraged to be patient and make sure their voicemail is able to receive messages. Anyone with an urgent spay/neuter need such as pyometra should call the veterinary care line to see which hospital can assist. New spay/neuter applications can be submitted at secondchance-animals.org.

Second Chance is currently working on plans to resume further programs in late June and July. Interested pet owners can watch for future announcements on the nonprofits website and Facebook page.

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TENNIS

Pioneers seniors were ready to take the field



Mathias Wilke fields a grounder on the run for Pathfinder during action last year.

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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PALMER – The Pathfinder Regional High School baseball team had some great talent returning to the lineup this spring. The Pioneers unfortunately did not get an opportunity to show what they had this season.

Coach Phillip Gallo had lots of compliments for his players as he reflected on the season not happening this year.

Isaiha Perez would have been at second once again this year after being tabbed for action last year as a junior. He also was an effective pitcher.

“Isaiha was pressed into being our starting catcher his junior year,” said Gallo. “Even though it was not his natural position he gutted it out for us. Once our starting catcher was able to return Isaiha took over the starting spot at second base. He was exceptional defensively and after starting the season 2-for-24 he raised his average to near .300 by seasons end. Isaiha also pitched very effectively towards the end of the season and was likely to be an effective weapon in our bullpen had we played in 2020.”

Hunter Nicoson had a great season last year and was with the varsity for three years as a starting outfielder. “Hunter was phenomenal defensively in center and after struggling against varsity pitching his sophomore year he exploded his junior year spending much of the season with an average above .400 earning All-Western Mass. honorable mention in 2019,” said Gallo. “Hunter always played hard and never left the field with a clean uniform.”

Dylan Piscioneer was the ace of the pitching staff as a first-year varsity player last year.

“Dylan loves the game and



Catcher Isaiha Perez dives for the tag at the plate.



Nathan Dubois stretches to try and get the out at first base.

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BASKETBALL

Schedule released for college tip-off tourney

UNCASVILLE, Conn. – The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame announced today the field of teams and brackets for the 2020 Tip-Off Tournament. The annual NCAA men's exempt tournament sponsored by the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference will take place Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22 at Mohegan Sun Arena in Uncasville, Connecticut. Eight schools will compete in two four-team brackets with campus round games leading up to the Mohegan Sun Arena contests.

Teams scheduled to participate in this year's Tip-Off Tournament are: University of Central Florida (American Athletic), Marquette University (Big East), University of Minnesota (Big 10), University of Rhode Island (Atlantic 10), University at Albany (America East), Lehigh University (Patriot League), Long Island University (Northeast), and Quinnipiac University (Metro Atlantic).

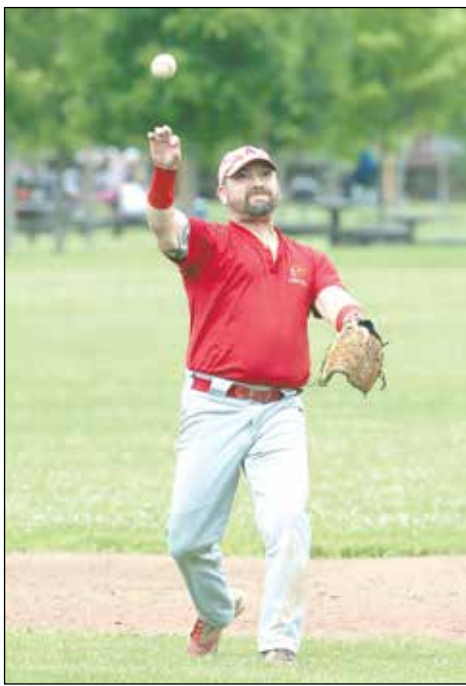
“The Hall of Fame Tip-Off Tournament has proven to be one of the best early season events in the country, offering great competition and an outstanding venue,” said John L. Doleva, President and CEO of the Basketball Hall of Fame. “We look forward to hosting this year's field of teams and their fans at beautiful Mohegan Sun.”

The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference will continue to serve as the host conference for the annual event. The Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame is also proud to continue its relationship with Learfield IMG College for sponsorship representation of its portfolio of collegiate events.

Ticket information, game times and television broadcast details and will be released at a later date. As the health and safety of the athletes, fans and staff is of the utmost importance, the Basketball Hall of Fame will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation closely in the coming months and provide updates as needed. For more information, please visit www.halloffametiptoff.com.



Bryan Forest fields a ground ball during a Valley Wheel game last season. The league has started practicing this week.



The Angels' Gary Perreault, a graduate of Chicopee Comp, makes a throw to first. The league features players from all over the region.



The Valley Wheel League is looking for new players and tryouts are open now.

BASEBALL

Adult league starts practice

REGION – With Phase 2 of the re-opening plan underway, some adult leagues have started practicing, hoping the timeline will allow games to begin playing shortly after June 30. The Valley Wheel League is currently accepting new players with a 5 to 10 game season planned, depending on how well the re-opening plan goes. See related article for contact information for the league.



Ken LePage tries to get the out at first.

File photos

SOCCER

Modified series to return July 4

SEEKONK, Mass. -- Tri Track Open Modified Series officials announced on Tuesday the 2020 season opener will take place at Monadnock Speedway on Saturday, July 4. The series will celebrate Independence Day with the first event of the season after a two-month delay due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tri Track has developed a list of strict guidelines to ensure the safety of race teams, drivers, staff and fans. Guidance provided by the state of New Hampshire and local officials, along with CDC recommendations were all used to come up with best practices.

Race teams will receive an email from series officials with a full list of guidelines and event information and are encouraged to contact series officials with questions.

Teams will be restricted to 10 crew members per car, including the driver and car owner, and face coverings are strongly encouraged when social distancing is not possible. Tri track officials will use face coverings. Social distancing protocols will be in place and teams are asked not to enter another competitors pit stall to avoid groups larger than 10.

Fans are allowed at the track due to guidance provided by the state of New Hampshire that allows the track to operate at 50 percent of capacity.

The Tri Track Open Modified Series management realizes that some of the guidelines being imposed are not ideal, but we are working to ensure that the health and safety of competitors, team members, officials, employees and fans is paramount at this time.

“It’s been a long wait to get the season rolling and we’re so happy we are getting back to the track,” Wayne Darling, Managing Partner of the Tri Track Open Modified Series, said. “We are expecting a stout entry list for this event and look forward to getting our season back on track, while making sure we keep everyone safe.”

Names like defending series champion Ronnie Williams, who drives for veteran Gary Casella, former champion Matt Hirschman, nicknamed ‘Money Matt’ and multiple-time series winners Ron Silk and Chase Dowling are expected to be in the list of favorites.

Don’t count out drivers like Matt Swanson, Woody Pitkat, Tommy Barrett, and Mike Willis, among others. The Tri Track Open Modified Series is known for a talent-laden field including some of the top modified drivers in the entire Northeast region.

Monadnock’s event will pay \$6,000 to win, \$3,250 for second and \$2,600 for third. All drivers that qualify for the feature race will take home at least a \$1,000 prize. There have been no changes made to the purse structure following the COVID-19 pandemic.

New for 2020, the Pepsi Challenge begins with heat and consi races paying the winner. Courtesy of Pepsi, each heat and consi will pay \$300 to win, giving drivers every extra incentive to step on the loud pedal during the qualifying races.

Registration for Monadnock remains open at \$150 for just the one event, or \$450 for the entire season. The \$450 amount is only in place for teams that register by the time of entry into Monadnock. Teams that have already registered do not need to register again. Those who have not must visit tritrackmodifieds.com and the team info tab to fill out their registration.

Teams will be asked to contact Michelle at the Monadnock track office at 603-239-4067 with their car number and list of 10 people en-

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COVID-19: Red Cross offers virtual care for families who have lost loved ones

Virtual Family Assistance Center provides resources to those struggling with loss and grief due to the pandemic

The American Red Cross of Massachusetts is launching a Virtual Family Assistance Center to support families struggling with loss and grief due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Families and organizations in need can access a support hub with special virtual programs, information, referrals and support services. The hub will also connect people to other community resources provided by the Red Cross of

Massachusetts and other partners. Those without internet access can call 833-492-0094 for help. “Losing a loved one due to COVID-19 is devastating,” said Holly Grant, Massachusetts Regional Chief Executive Officer. “Not only have these families experienced the unexpected passing of a loved one, but they are also facing additional challenges caused by this public health emergency. We want them to know that the Red Cross is here to provide compassion and support as they grieve.” Many families have experienced a disrupted bereavement and grief process due to restrictions related to COVID-19. To help, the Red Cross has set up a virtual team of specially trained mental health, spiritual care and health services volunteers who are:

Connecting with families over the phone to offer condolences, support and access to resources that may be available
Providing support for virtual memorial services for families, including connecting with local faith-based community partners
Hosting online classes to foster resilience and facilitate coping skills
Sharing information and referrals to state and local agencies as well as other community organizations including legal resources for estate, custody, immigration or other issues
All Family Assistance Center support will be provided virtually and is completely confidential and free of charge.

UMass Amherst researchers release findings on working conditions of Essential Workers

Stressed, unsafe, and insecure: Essential Workers need a new, New Deal

AMHERST – University of Massachusetts Amherst researchers surveyed over 2,500 essential workers in Massachusetts between April 24 and May 1 about their working conditions. Six weeks into the COVID-19 shutdown, they found that large numbers of essential workers felt stressed, unsafe, and financially insecure. These data come from Massachusetts only, but are instructive for how we should be thinking about policy responses in the reopening phase and beyond. Massachusetts, in many ways, has some of the strongest labor market protections in the U.S., including a \$12.70 minimum wage, 97% health insurance coverage and paid sick leave. What-ever is happening to essential workers in Massachusetts is probably worse in many other states. The survey findings are similar to findings of a survey conducted one week earlier (April 17-April 24) of 1600 essential workers in Western Massachusetts. The study found that the majority of essential workers felt unsafe on the job and were unable to practice social distancing. A substantial minority of essential workers lacked access to basic safety equipment like hand sanitizer and supportive health related policies like paid sick days. Low wage essential workers- those earning under \$20 per hour - and Latino and Black essential workers were particularly likely to experience unsafe practices, inadequate health related policies, and food in-

security. “Essential workers during the COVID-19 pandemic are scared, stressed and overworked. The core issues of inadequate safety, inadequate pay and a lack of respect are disproportionately borne by low wage workers and workers of color. We need a new, new deal that will protect these workers and treat them with the respect and dignity they deserve,” said Clare Hammonds, of the UMass Labor Center. Retail workers reported an increase in customers who became aggressive with workers who enforced store policies on social distancing and masks. A grocery worker earning under \$15 per hour writes, “Customers are much more aggressive than usual. Normally, you might have one or two out of 100 that would act disrespectfully to an associate, but now it is more like 60% of customers are uncooperative with store guidelines and are rude to associates because of it.” The research team, Clare Hammonds, Jasmine Karrissey, and Donald Tomaskovic-Devey, have released a final report describing findings and policy recommendations. The full report, “Stressed, Unsafe, and Insecure: Essential Workers Need A New, New Deal,” is available online through the two collaborating research centers: The Labor Center and the Center for Employment Equity. “The pandemic has made clear that many workers who have been treated by their employers and the society in general as disposable, are actually socially essential. We need policy responses and employer practices that elevate all workers and their households, enabling dig-

nified work and home lives,” said Donald Tomaskovic-Devey, Center for Employment Equity. Key findings include: The majority of essential workers do not feel safe at work (60%), are unable to practice social distancing (71%), and experience increased stress (86%). Many employers do not provide proper safety gear. Some essential workers do not have access to masks (15%), hand sanitizer (15%), regular hand washing (10%), and roughly one in three received no training on preventing COVID-19 transmission (31%). Grocery and retail workers face the additional problem of belligerent customers. Workers report increased rudeness and aggression from some customers when trying to implement social distancing and other COVID-19 store policies. 43% of essential workers are low wage, earning less than \$20/hour, and these workers are worse off in all dimensions. Low wage workers are two to three times less likely to have safety gear, paid sick days, or health insurance. African American and Latino low wage workers are the most at risk. Low wage workers are also unable to consistently meet basic needs, including being four times more likely to face food insecurities and to have used a food bank in the past week. These disturbing patterns are consistently worse for African American and Latino workers. Based on these findings, the researchers recommend that workplace safety requirements be clearly defined and enforceable. Corporate leadership, employees and workers’ organizations should be part of COVID-19 safety planning, and all essential workers should have paid sick days and hazard pay. Other recommendations include longer term policies, such as increasing minimum wage to at least \$15/hour, as well as a generous and universal paid sick and family medical leave. Unemployment insurance coverage rates need to rise to at least 60% of prior earnings, health insurance needs to be decoupled from employment, and families need to be made secure with a universal minimum income policy.

O B I T U A R I E S

Irene L. (Roy) Balicki, 92

PALMER - Irene L. (Roy) Balicki, passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by family, on Monday, June 8, 2020. She was 92 years old. Irene was born on August 12, 1927 in Ware, Massachusetts. She was the daughter of Antonio and Ethel (Hagman) Roy. She was the second eldest daughter in her family of six. Irene met Edward A. Balicki in Ware and became long-time sweethearts. While Edward would soon enlist to defend our country in World War II, Irene fulfilled her duty supporting our troops and nation by working at J.T. Woods, a boot factory, making essential supplies. Upon Edward's return, they were both reunited and started their life-long journey together, getting married on January 27, 1951 and raising four children: Peter, Phillip (“Chipper”), Michael, and Petra. Together, Irene and Edward established their family business, Balicki Auto Body, Inc. and built their home on Bacon Road where they lived out their own American Dream together for 62 years.

During those years, Irene watched her family grow to twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild: Antonio, Jade, Christopher, Sarah, Michael, Michaela, Olivia, Camden, Caleb, Gabriel, Ruby, Tallulah and her great-grandson Graham. She was better known to them as “Daddum”, “Dobbin”, and “Gram”. As the family matriarch, she was always overjoyed at having any number of her family members stop by for an impromptu visit to say hello and catch up on life. Irene's family could always count on her to lend an ear and provide comfort, love and wisdom when they needed it most, or even when it was just to share a moment of Irene's contagious laughter together. She was a great cook and selflessly cared for her entire family always making sure no one left her home hungry. Irene looked forward to the simple joys of life by spending as much time as she



could with her family; from endless car rides and shopping trips, to playing lively and spirited card games of Pokeno and Rummy. She is survived by her four children, her son Peter Balicki and partner, Lisl Donaldson, her son Chipper and his wife, Cheryl Balicki, her son Michael and his wife Maura Balicki, and her daughter, Petra and her husband Greg Longtine. As per her wishes, funeral services will be private. Cebula Funeral Home of Ware has been entrusted with the final arrangements. Irene was cherished by each of her family members. She was the heart of the family and will be missed dearly. Though she has passed, her memories and values of sacrificial and unconditional love will live on for generations to come. We love you Irene, Daddum, Dobbin, Gram, but above all Mom. For more information and online guest book, please visit: www.cebulafuneralhome.com.

Michael E. Dahlen, 64

Michael E. Dahlen, 64, of Monson, passed away at Bay-state Medical Center after a brief battle with cancer. Michael was born in Greenville, Mississippi, on December 24, 1955, the son of the late Henry and Joan (Suthowski) Dahlen. Michael graduated from Cathedral High School in 1974, attended Western New England College and worked at the Wilbraham Post Office as a letter carrier for many years. He was an extremely loyal New York Giants fan, through the good and, more often, bad times. He adored his family

and enjoyed hanging on the back patio with them and the rest of the gang, while tending to a perfectly manicured fire. Michael is survived by his wife of 32 years, Nancy (Baker) Dahlen of Monson, and their three children Tyler Dahlen and Ryan Dahlen of Monson and Mirayla Dahlen of Holland, MA. In addition to his wife and children, he will be deeply missed by his lifelong best friend, Raymond Courtney of Wilbraham,



MA and his beloved aunt and uncle, Rita and David Bishop of Colebrook, CT. Family and friends will gather and remember Michael on Monday, June 15, 2020 at a graveside service at 10 am in Hillcrest Cemetery in Monson. Arrangements entrusted to the Byron Keenan Funeral Home and Cremation tribute Center, 1858 Allen Street, Springfield. For additional information please visit www.byronkeenan.com

Chester A. Giza, Ph.D., 90

Chester A. Giza, retired chemistry department chairman of Wheeling Jesuit College, farmer, beloved father and grandfather, died Wednesday at Wheeling Hospital. He turned 90 last month. The founder of Brightmont Farm on Walnut Grove Road, Wheeling, he was born in Three Rivers, Massachusetts on May 18, 1930, son of the late Frank and Caroline Giza. He married the love of his life Yueh-hua Chen on June 3, 1961. He was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Elm Grove. He earned his BS and MS in Chemistry at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst (1955, 1958). He did doctoral work in Organic Chemistry first at Yale and then at Notre Dame, where he received his Ph.D. (1968) in the laboratory of Dr. Ernest Eliel. During this time, he published several scientific articles

in national and international journals. He joined the faculty at then Wheeling College in 1967, where he and his wife Yueh-hua Chen Giza were chemistry professors. Dr. Giza served as president of the Chemistry Club and as Chair of the Chemistry department, and retired from Wheeling College in 1989. His surviving family includes his two sons Christopher C. H. Giza, MD and the Honorable Alexander C. D. Giza of Culver City, California and their spouses, Rosanne C. Giza and Cathy I. Noonan. “Poppy” is beloved by his three grandchildren, Maeve Yueh-hua Giza (22), Kazimir Cormac Giza (19) and Vincent Edward Giza (16). “Uncle Chet” is loved by an extended family of cousins, nieces and nephews from Poland,



Massachusetts, Ohio, Kansas, California, Taiwan and Australia. Friends will be received from 6-8 p.m., Friday, June 12, 2020, at Altmeyer Funeral Home, Elm Grove Chapel, 154 Kruger Street, Wheeling, where a vigil service will be held at 7:45 p.m.. Committal services and interment will be held at 9 a.m., Saturday, June 13, 2020, at Mount Calvary Cemetery, Wheeling. A future memorial and celebration of life is planned after the current pandemic. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 2244 Marshall Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.altmeyerfuneralhomes.com.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Japanese classical theater

4. Chess pieces

9. Pieces of writing

14. Doctors' group

15. Capital of Guam

16. Type of turtle

17. Swiss river

18. MLB Hall of Famer

20. Places to sit

22. Fancy rides

23. One of Washington's Tri-Cities

24. Without class

28. Male child

29. Keeps you cool

30. Biblical place

31. Italian city

33. District in central Turkey

37. Job for a grad student

38. Central nervous system

39. Arrange in steps

41. Witch

42. Promotional material

43. Having certain appendages

44. Approaches

46. One who did it (slang)

49. Of I

50. Blood relation

51. Works out

55. Female given name

58. Isaac's mother (Bib.)

59. Makes someone happy

60. Creative

64. Small, faint constellation

65. S. American trees

66. Makes simpler

67. Neither

68. We all need it

69. Unique plastic utensil

70. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Civil Rights group

2. Metropolis

3. Badgers

4. Regular business given to a store

5. Gets older

6. A bundle of banknotes

7. Midway between north and northwest

8. Takes to the sea

9. Prestigious film prize: ___ d'or

10. Baltimore ballplayer

11. Removed

12. Term of respect

13. Genus containing pigs

19. Illumined

21. One who symbolizes something

24. Member of a Turkic people

25. The academic world

26. "Key to the Highway"

bluesman

27. Hang-ups

31. Long, leafless flower stalk

32. Categorize

34. Loads

35. Indicates position

36. Unreasonable

40. Dorm worker

41. Dweller

45. Welsh female name meaning "snow"

47. Offering again

48. National capital

52. Firm, dry and brittle

53. 007's creator

54. Allied H.Q.

56. Mackerels

57. Month of the Hindu year

59. Not odd

60. Belonging to a thing

61. "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen

62. Religion

63. Equal, prefix

PATHFINDER | from page 7

is one of the more coachable players I had,” said Gallo. “He provided a big bat as our designated hitter his junior year and was poised to be a great asset and leader to our team as a senior.” Nate Dubois was a middle infielder for most of his life and stepped up to play first base for the Pioneers. Gallo said he took to the position well.

“Nate stepped up and became a great defensive first baseman where he started all 20 games for us his junior year,” said Gallo. “Nate had a smooth left handed swing that really came around at the end of his junior year and was slated to be the No. 2 hitter in our lineup in 2020.” Justin Katawicz saw limited varsity action as a pitcher last

year and was slated to start in the outfield. “He was competing to be our starting right fielder in 2020 and would have also been one of our relief pitchers,” said Gallo. Mathias Wilke made varsity as a junior. He took over at shortstop and had a great glove at the position. “Mathias earned All-West-

ern Mass. second team honors his junior year,” said Gallo. “Mathias was also an affective weapon on the mound who had a great curveball. Mathias was one of those players you love to have on your team.”

RACING | from page 7

tering on their crew. If a team does not have 10 people, just be ready to provide the people you have planning on attending. Teams can pre-order tires at Hoosier Tire East beginning immediately by calling Dan at 860-646-9646. The schedule for the day includes pits open-

ing at 9 a.m., practice starting at 12 p.m., heats starting at 4 p.m. and the feature to follow qualifying. Support divisions will be announced soon. There will be no drivers meeting on race day – teams will be provided a handout with updated race procedures upon entry. Series officials anticipate the

remainder of the 2020 schedule will remain in place. A stop at Star Speedway on Saturday, July 25, is scheduled for the annual SBM 125, followed by another date at Monadnock on August 15. Seekonk Speedway's rescheduled Open Wheel Wednesday for August 26 and the Haunted Hundred on October 24 will wrap the

schedule. For more information on Monadnock Speedway, visit the track at monadnockspeedway.com. For more information on the Tri Track Open Modified Series, visit tritrackmodifieds.com and follow the series on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for the latest updates.

DEATH NOTICES

Balicki, Irene L. (Roy)

Died June 8, 2020
Funeral Services will be private
Cebula Funeral Home

Dahlen, Michael E.

Graveside service June 15, 2020
Hillcrest Cemetery

Fay, William K.

Visitation June 12, 2020
Beers & Story Funeral Home

Giza, Chester A.

Died June 10, 2020
Visitation June 12, 2020
Altmeyer Funeral Home

Hall, Joretta (Schober)

Died June 7, 2020
All services are private
Lombard Funeral Home

Olson, Vernon E., Sr.

Died June 13, 2020
Calling hour June 19, 2020
Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home

O B I T U A R I E S

William K. Fay, 66

William K. Fay, P.E. is hard to put into words. He was unique and marched to the beat of his own drum. Born to Norman Daniel Fay and Louisa Fay on March 29, 1954 in Framingham, MA. He was a loved husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend, teacher, and engineer.

He leaves his wife Karen Fay and children Felicity LaFortune, Celeste Fay, William D. B. Fay, Ronald Johnson, Timothy and Roberta Westerman, Hilarie and Jason Woodsmall, and Dan and Britney Westerman. He leaves 7 grandchildren, JJ, Jack and Grace Woodsmall, Avril, Alec, Benjamin and baby Isabelle Westerman. He leaves his sister Cheryl Fisk and brother Warren Fay. He is pre-deceased by his brother Stephen Fay. He leaves his nephews Benjamin Fay, Daniel Fay, Robert Fisk, Nickolas Fay and nieces Melissa Fisk and Wendy Fay. He leaves his best friend Kenneth Smith. He leaves his black Labrador Finley and is predeceased by his loving beasts Safron, Casey Guido, King Tut-ankehmen, and Cleopatra. He leaves the friends he grew up with in Northboro and Boylston, MA and the hydropower community from coast-to-coast. And so many more.

Since the Fays arrived in Boston in 1656; William and his older sister were the first to attend college. He earned a degree in Mechanical Engineering from Lehigh University and a Masters Degree in Engineering from Worcester Poly Technic Institute. That was just the start; everything he did was big. He went on to become a nationally recognized expert in power generation. With his loved business partners Davis Hobbs, Peter Clark, Kenneth Smith they built a fleet of hydropower projects and a world in which he could be himself. He spent several years at Tacoma Light and Power providing his seasoned experience to a large team of engineers working at Mossyrock. Have you hugged your generator today?

He was a technically brilliant and distinctive hydro-electric and dam engineer. He wouldn't just inspect your dam, he would pull out his shark bathing suit and steel-toed flip flops and jump in the water to see firsthand what was going on. He would help young FERC inspectors by pointing out potential issues that should be noted in their reports...at his own projects. He used his engineering to help people that were financially cornered; providing engineering services to those that got stuck with a dam and couldn't afford

it, municipalities that were tight on money or up-and-coming companies that needed a boost to keep going. As the President of the Belchertown Land Trust, he was instrumental in working with State and Local entities to fund and repair the Upper Bonds-ville Dam and ensure the Swift River is available to paddle for generations. Save the dam! He traveled to the Angola to install water supply systems for communities without fresh water, and brought suitcases of candy and perfume to provide as gifts. He never passed a turtle in the road without stopping and giving it a lift to safety, and he never drove by a cow without a loud "moooo" out the window to say hi. The summer was spent jumping off bridges, walls or rope swings yelling cowabunga when he jumped. When on vacation, he would turn the car around to stop and talk with random road construction workers in Mexico; offering them coca colas and cervezas to cool off and brighten their day.

He gave everyone he met the benefit of the doubt and assumed they were good regardless of age, social status or viewpoint. He helped people down on their luck get their driver's license back, gave employment to people that others would not have considered and tried to teach any knowledge he had to whomever was around him. It didn't matter who you were.

He wanted everyone to be happy and always had a welcoming smile on his face. Every day was an adventure and when it didn't go right he found the silver lining somehow. He was the salt of the earth.

He had a special relationship with his wife Karen. They met when he was 16 and she was 14; he was her first love. Karen and William fell in love on Shrewsbury Common. After a 40-year hiatus the stars aligned and they reconnected via one of his famous 2am emails. They were married in 2012 at the Quabbin Reservoir and promptly set out on an adventure to Washington State. For his 60th birthday Karen bought him a 37 ft wooden sea cruiser. Despite having never had a boat before, they cruised Puget Sound with their dogs. He was never happier than he was when he was with Karen. He and Karen reconstructed a home to make their own on Ocean Ave in Harwich Port, MA. They enjoyed their time with family and



friends in the magical world that he and Karen built together.

He was an outstanding father. He would tell anyone who would listen how proud he was of Celeste and Will. Encouraging, educational and supportive. He was the guiding light of our lives. He taught us to think outside the box, take opportunities, jump in with both feet and think BIG. There was nothing we couldn't do with him chanting the "world is your oyster" next to us. He taught us to drive about a decade before it would be legal, taught us to do engineering and surveying decades before there would be any engineering degrees. He stood behind us as we lead FERC inspections as teenagers. He taught us how to fabricate things in the machine shop, troubleshoot turbines, operate heavy machinery, and be dam good engineers. He taught us Yankee ingenuity. He didn't just buy us a car, he bought one that needed an engine rebuild and a tool set. And then taught us how to fix it. He gave us life.

William touched so many lives and there will be many who want to pay their respects. COVID has complicated this. We do not want anyone to fall ill as a result of celebrating William's memory nor would he want that. There will be a viewing for close family and friends on Friday June 12, 2020 from 3pm to 7pm with a limit of 40 people allowed in at a time with 6 ft distancing. The viewing will be located at Beers & Story 1475 North Main Street, Palmer, MA 01069. We will plan a Bill Fay Big Bash as soon as it is safe for our community to gather; but right now it is not clear when that will be. William had unique relationships with many people. If you think you fit the bill of close family or friend you won't be turned away. No matter how close you were with him, if you don't feel comfortable because of COVID, please stay safe and wait for the Big Bash. Please email thorndikemill@gmail.com with questions. In lieu of flowers please donate to Belchertown Land Trust: Box 152 Belchertown, MA 01007 or For The Love of Labs, 54 Hazard Avenue Suite #284 Enfield, CT 060082 www.fortheloveoflabs.com

Willy: we loved you very much and you will be missed.

Junior Achievement of WMass. redefines 'real world education' amid COVID-19

SPRINGFIELD —Junior Achievement of Western Massachusetts (JAWM), the leading provider of real-world education for K-12 students in Western Massachusetts, is broadening its hands-on, in-classroom and experiential programs to include virtual program delivery in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Now more than ever, young people need to envision a future that they can shape and look forward to," said Jennifer A. Connolly, President, JAWM. "At JA, we are all about inspiring tomorrows. Though the 'how' of what we do has changed, the 'why' that drives our mission remains the same."

Staying true to Junior Achievement's commitment to providing pathways to success for young people, JAWM's virtual

programs focus on financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and work readiness through a variety of media. Free resources are available for teachers to incorporate JA lessons into their own distance learning platforms; interactive events with industry executives are being livestreamed for students; and the annual JA INSPIRE Career Fair and the JA Stock Market will be held virtually in October 2020.

JAWM's chief goals are economic mobility through inspiration and access. "We're really focusing on a future-facing agenda that makes the most of technological resources that can enable JAWM to do what it does best—inspire and prepare young people to succeed in life," continued Connolly. "We don't know what the economy or job market will look

like when our communities begin to start up again, but mentoring young people to be engaged, resilient and forward thinking will be vital to the success of that effort."

Educators who are interested in the work that JAWM is doing to provide free, inspiring and empowering programs to K-12 students can find more information at jawm.org. People interested in becoming virtual volunteers can sign up by emailing nfregeau@jawm.org.

JAWM's work is made possible by the generosity of the private and public sector across western Massachusetts and Vermont. Donations can be made in support of these programs at jawm.org/donate.

O B I T U A R I E S

Joretta (Schober) Hall, 85

LENOX/MONSON — Joretta (Schober) Hall, formerly of Monson, passed away on Sunday, June 7, 2020 in Pittsfield. Joretta was born October 7, 1934 in Stamps, AR and raised by her loving parents Evelyn (Chandler) Schober and her father Charles C. Schober.

While attending LSU, she met and married John A. Hall and moved to Monson in 1956. She finished her degree in special education at Westfield State in 1980 and became a teacher in the Monson school system until her retirement. She was a gifted teacher who had a positive impact on the lives of so many students.

She was an avid gardener with extraordinary gardens. She had an encyclopedic recall of all there was to know about flowers and an eye for color. Over the years, she gifted bits of her flowers to her friends and family that continue to bring joy and beauty to their gardens.

Being a grandmother was her true calling. She could fix anything with a little sugar and a firm hug. Her grandchildren cherished moments spent growing up at "Grammy Camp" where they were showered with special attention, endless playtime, and mountains of unconditional love. Christmas is designed for an indulgent Grandmother and she could host a wonderful Christmas celebration. Thoughtful presents stacked high for everyone; food to feed an army of friends and family. She was the joy of Christmas personified.

Her friends and family form a uniform chorus describing her: Generous, kind, thoughtful, and dedicated to caring for her family and friends.

Joretta is predeceased by her husband John A. Hall, married 61 years and her son John H.



Hall. She leaves two sons; David C. Hall and his wife Marianne of Pittsfield, Allen M. Hall and his wife Nancy of Westford; four grandchildren, who affectionately called her Grammy, Rebecca C. Hall, Andrea M. Hall, Rachel B. Hall, and Brian H. Hall. She leaves her niece Sandra Hall of Santa Rosa, CA and her children Jeni, Amber, and Nick. She was also considered a grandmother by Anna and Sean Peters.

An avid reader all her life, please consider donations in lieu of flowers to the Monson Free Library, 2 High St, Monson, MA 01057. All services are private. Lombard Funeral Home of Monson has been entrusted with the arrangements. Please visit www.lombardfuneralhome.com for online condolences.

Vernon E. Olson, Sr., 83

BRIMFIELD — Vernon E. Olson, Sr. passed away June 13, 2020. He was born in Waltham, MA on March 23, 1937 to the late David E. and Nora (Jennings) Olson. Vernon was a long-time resident of Brimfield, a town he called home since 1971. Vernon was predeceased by his loving wife of 45 years, Rita (Derosier) Olson. He will be forever missed by his son Vernon

Jr. and wife Sherrie of Palmer, son Harlan and wife Donna Mae of CT, and daughter Theresa and husband Charles Banks. Vernon's legacy will continue to live on in his seven grandchildren, Andrew, Katrina and husband Derek Dufresne, Alexandra, Autumn, George, Henry and James as well as twin great-granddaughters Lacey and Addison Dufresne. A calling hour will

be held Friday, June 19th from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home immediately followed by a burial in Brimfield Cemetery. The family wishes to personally thank each and every person who over so many years has been kind and picked Vernon up on his way to or from his destinations.

Invitation to 'Self-Serve' Summer Solstice at the UMass Sunwheel

Distancing rules do not mean summer solstice sunrises and sunsets are off limits

To avoid crowds during the coronavirus pandemic, there will be no presentations at the UMass Amherst Sunwheel marking the start of summer. However, the public is invited to visit the site for sunrise and sunset to celebrate the longest days of the year. Visitors should wear masks, employ social distancing, and be prepared for the possibility of wet footing and mosquitoes.

At the solstice - stationary sun - the sun's rising and setting positions barely change for more than a week, says UMass Amherst astronomer Stephen Schneider. "From June 15 to 25, the shift of the sun will be less than one-fifth its own size. That's barely detectable without astronomical instruments, so any of those days would be great to visit the Sunwheel to see the alignment of the standing stones with the rising or setting position of the sun."

"Pick a day with good weather as the sun rises or sets and stand at the center of the Sunwheel. The sun will touch the top of the tall stones in the northeast or northwest," he adds.

The UMass Amherst Sunwheel is located south of McGuirk Alumni Stadium, just off Rocky Hill Road (at Amity Street) about one-quarter mile south of University Drive.

The astronomical start of summer is at 5:43 p.m. EDT on June 20 this year, the moment when the sun reaches its farthest northerly position in the sky, making June 20 the longest day of the year. Schneider says, "Actually, day length from sunrise to sunset is only a few seconds shorter on the 19th and 21st, and changing conditions in the Earth's atmosphere can alter the angle of the sun's light enough that someone with a stopwatch might find a different day than the 20th is longest."

Schneider adds, "The local time for sunrise is officially 5:13 a.m., but the times listed in almanacs and online assume that you have an absolutely flat horizon, as you might see on the ocean. Given the local landscape, start looking for the sun around 20 minutes later."

He adds, "The sun will likewise set about 20 minutes earlier than the listed time of 8:30 p.m. There are also interesting things to see other than the alignment at the moment the sun touches the horizon." For example, when the sun is above the horizon you can see that it doesn't rise straight up, but at an angle that approximately equals our latitude. "When the sun is slightly below the horizon, you may see a 'sun pillar' when the sun reflects off the bottom of the clouds."



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6/18/42-
6/14/2005

**Robert Lee
Carter**
7/10/66-
6/19/2005



*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.*

*He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

Thank you to all who loved my mother & brother.
They are with me with every breath I take.
Love Forever, Carolyn Carter Galica

Public Notices

The Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A M.G.L. §11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 7:35 PM REMOTELY** on the application of Richard Armida and Kimberly McCloskey for a Special Permit as provided by the Schedule of Use Regulations (Table 1) of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant seeks a special permit for a Business Use, Raising Pets for Gainful Purpose, at 53 Bunyan Road, Map 109 and Parcel 1B, property owner is Richard Armida. The property is zoned Rural Residential and is approximately 30 acres in size. A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Join the meeting by logging in or calling in and entering the Meeting ID and Password below:

Login: <https://zoom.us/j/98804028349?pwd=M2JV-SURQWVRNNm1xUlpBT-FZEZmZnZz09>
Dial: 1 646 558 8656
Meeting ID: 988 0402 8349
Password: 950520

David Beaudoin, Chairman
6/11, 6/18/2020

The Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A M.G.L. §11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 7:20 P.M. REMOTELY** on the application of Ruth Knidel for a Special Permit as provided by Section 6.7 of the Monson Zoning Bylaws. The applicant seeks a special permit for an existing in-law apartment located at 114 Maxwell Road, Map 021 and Parcel 019. There are no changes proposed to the existing footprint or entryways and the applicants will occupy the primary residence and maintain the in-law apartment for a family member. The property is zoned Rural Residential. A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Join the meeting by logging in or calling in and entering the Meeting ID and Password below:

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David Beaudoin, Chairman
6/11, 6/18/2020

LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapt. 131, s.40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 7:45 PM REMOTELY**. Under consideration is a Request for a Determination of Applicability to determine if the work associated with the development of a common drive along an existing driveway alignment, construction of a SFH with a lawn, well and leach facility and a driveway south of the existing house located at 139 Stafford Hollow Road, Map 160 and Part of Parcel 5, is subject to the Wetlands Protection Act. Property owner is Susan Rodgers and the applicant is Jeannie Dilworth.

Login: <https://zoom.us/j/93461517169?pwd=SU-JwR3lZbHAYZzdGT0ZQe-FlwRXVTZz09>
Dial: 1.646.558.8656
Meeting ID: 934 6151 7169
Password: 878803

Submitted by:
Monson Conservation Commission

6/18/2020

The Town of Monson Zoning Board of Appeals LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L. s11, the Monson Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing **Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 7:05 P.M. REMOTELY**, on the application of Northern Construction for a Special Permit requesting an extension of an existing non-conforming use. The applicant intends to use the parcel for open storage of construction materials and equipment. The location is 368 Stafford Rd, Monson, Map 84, Parcel 2, Map 85, Parcels 2 & 7, Map 106, Parcel 10 in the Residential Rural district, owned by Peter Lloyd. A copy of the application is on file with the Zoning Board of Appeals and requests to review the application can be made by emailing kbaker@monson-ma.gov.

Join the meeting by logging in or calling in and entering the Meeting ID and Password below:

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David Beaudoin, Chairman
6/11, 6/18/2020

PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5 M.G.L. the Planning Board will hold a **Public Hearing on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 7:45 p.m.** in the Town Hall Administration Building to consider amending the Town of Palmer Zoning Map for a change of zoning districts from the Town Residential District to the Village Center District 1. One parcel is affected by this zoning amendment, specifically 1010 Park Street (Map 58 Lot 30), formally operating as a Bank of America branch building.

A copy of the map may be inspected on the Planning Department website at www.townofpalmer.com/planning or at the Planning Department office at Town Hall by appointment only.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://masspublicnotices.org>).

Michael Marciniac, Chairman
6/11, 6/18/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, for the purpose of satisfying the liens of Apple Self Storage LLC, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the stored goods of the following named people, including household items will be sold at public lien sale at **10:00 AM on July 30, 2020**, on the premises of **Apple Self Storage, 1207 South Main Street, Palmer, MA:**

Edwin Rodriguez
235 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Shelby Whalen
Post Office Box 756
Palmer, MA 01069
Laurie Allard
82 Cubles Drive
Brimfield, MA 01010
6/18, 6/25/2020

PALMER TOWN COUNCIL FY21 BUDGET HEARING

The Palmer Town Council will hold a hearing on the proposed FY21 Budget for the Town of Palmer, all departments, on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

****Please be advised that per Governor Charlie Baker's order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L.C30 §20 which limits public access, please view this meeting via cable television on channel 15 live stream. Questions can be sent via email to [ofpalmer.com or text 413-388-1115 and answers will be provided in the order in which they were received to the extent possible. ****](mailto:nparker@town-</p>
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Palmer Town Council
6/18/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

Docket No. HD20P0883EA
Estate of:
Frances J. Desmarais
Date of Death: 11/27/2019
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by: **Dennis Lopata** of Wilbraham, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Eileen Sullivan-Boss, Esq.** of West Springfield, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in **an unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on **07/15/2020**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 10, 2020

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
6/18/2020

Town of Wales Notice of Public Hearing

In accordance with the Wetlands Protection Act, Chapter 131, Section 40, a public hearing will be held by the Wales Conservation Commission for the Request for Determination filed by Green Hill Engineering for Tom & Jeanne Groody for the repair of a septic system at 6 McBride Road in Wales.

There will be a **virtual public hearing on Monday, June 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.**

Specific guidelines for remote participation can be found the week of June 22, 2020 on the Town of Wales website: www.townofwales.net or by calling the Wales town Hall at 413-245-7571

Wales Conservation Commission
6/18/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, for the purpose of satisfying the liens of LaBonte Self Storage, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the stored goods of the following named people, including household items will be sold at public lien sale at **9:00 AM on July 30, 2020**, on the premises of **LaBonte Self Storage, 250 Wilbraham Street, Palmer, MA :**

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13A Oak Street
Monson, MA 01057
Jessica M. Ventura
144 Breckenridge Street
Palmer, MA 01069
Melissa A. Hagen
Post Office Box 176
Wales, MA 01081
6/18, 6/25/2020

LEGAL NOTICE MONSON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Under the requirements of M.G.L. Chapt. 131, s.40, the Monson Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 8:00 P.M. REMOTELY**. Under consideration is beaver mitigation and tree removal as required by the DCR Office of Dam Safety at Lunden Pond Dam located within the Miller Forest Tract of Peaked Mountain Reservation on Butler Rd. The proposed work is to maintain compliance with DCR dam standards and includes 4,440 sf of alteration to BVW. Brian Westrick of The Trustees of Reservations filed the notice.

Login: <https://zoom.us/j/93461517169?pwd=SU-JwR3lZbHAYZzdGT0ZQe-FlwRXVTZz09>
Dial: 1.646.558.8656
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Password: 878803
Submitted by:
Monson Conservation Commission
6/18/2020

PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11, M.G.L. the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, June 29th, 2020 at 7:15 PM in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, Main Street Tire & Auto Center, LLC is seeking Site Plan Approval as required by section 171.29 – Site Plan Approval for the operation of retail tires and auto sales and service per section 171-

62 at the property located at 1511-1515 Park Street, Palmer, MA. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 2, Lot 82.

A copy of the application may be inspected on the Planning Department website at www.townofpalmer.com/planning or at the Planning Department office at Town Hall by appointment only.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://masspublicnotices.org>).

Michael Marciniac, Chairman
6/11, 6/18/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

Docket No. HD20P0893EA
Estate of:
Mary Isabel Kennedy
Date of Death: 03/21/2006
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Determination of Heirs** has been filed by: **Kyle Van Ardsdale Ridlehuber** of Frisco, TX requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of **07/16/2020**.

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WITNESS, Hon. Barbara M Hyland, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 11, 2020

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
6/18/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758

Docket No. HD20P0890EA
Estate of:
Maureen Kyle Kennedy
Date of Death: 01/31/2018
CITATION ON
PETITION FOR
FORMAL
ADJUDICATION

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Date: June 11, 2020

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
6/18/2020

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In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 49, Section 15-C, M.G.L. the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, June 29, 2020 at 7:00 PM** in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicants, Chris and Kylie Siniscalchi, are seeking a Special Permit as required by general code section 141-1 to work within the right-of-way of a designated scenic road, namely Robinson Road, and approval of a curb cut permit to enter the property located at 70 Robinson Road, Palmer, MA. This parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 9, Lot 8-1.

A copy of the application may be inspected on the Planning Department website at www.townofpalmer.com

Please check the accuracy of your legal notice prior to submission (i.e., date, time, spelling). Also, be sure the requested publication date coincides with the purpose of the notice, or as the law demands. Thank you.

er.com/planning or at the Planning Department office at Town Hall by appointment only.

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate and Family Court Hampden Division 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-8600

Docket No. HD20P0803EA
Estate of:
Jeffrey Phil Vannais
Date of Death:
July 29, 2019
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PUBLICATION NOTICE

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Janis M Waive** of Wales, MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Janis M Waive of Wales, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
6/18/2020

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Pioneer Valley, founded in 2011, leads seminars aimed at addressing implicit racism and promoting conversations on race and inclusion. They are based in Springfield, and over 800 people have participated in their programming to date. Otero also serves on the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Health Equity Advisory Group. The video from the livestream can be accessed on Facebook and Twitter.

Vanessa Otero gave background on how the Healing Racism Institute of Pioneer Valley seeks to address systemic and underlying racism. She also charged others to take on an approach of anti-racism, or being vigilant about complicity in racism and promoting policies that stem the tide of racism. Senator Lesser and Otero also discussed the current protests across the country in support of police reform, and the path forward to address underlying inequities in our society.

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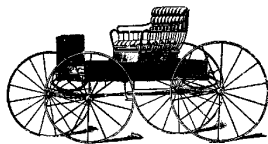
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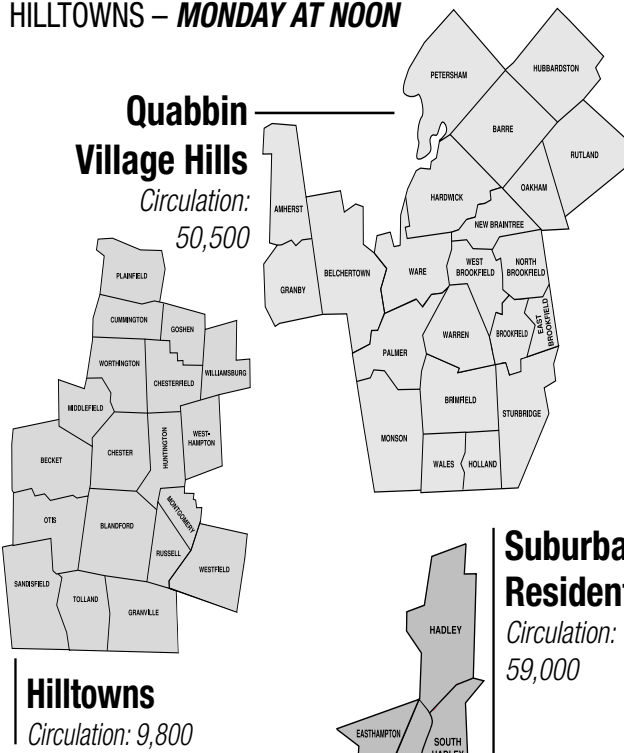
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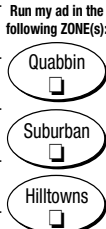
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Big Y Appoints Palmer woman new CFO

PALMER – The Board of Directors of Big Y Foods, Inc. is pleased to announce the appointment of Theresa A. Jasmin as CFO following the recent retirement of William T. Mahoney. She is responsible for the company’s strategic planning, finance, accounting, treasury and tax functions. As a senior member of the executive team, she reports to Charles L. D’Amour, president and CEO along with Big Y’s board of directors. And, she represents the first woman to be appointed to the c-suite for the company.

Jasmin has over 25 years of experience in the food in-

dustry. She began her career at Friendly Ice Cream Corporation, where she held senior management positions in both Treasury and Accounting. She joined Big Y in 2005 and held several positions of increasing responsibility in accounting and finance. She became controller in 2010. In 2014, she was appointed senior director of finance, followed by vice president of finance in 2016 until her new appointment.

Jasmin holds a BBA from the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst and an MBA from Western New England University.

In 2014, she was named a Top Woman in Grocery by Progressive Grocer Magazine and was a founding member of Big Y’s Women LEAD (Leaders Engaged in Action and Development), Big Y’s first ever employee resource group charged with inspiring and empowering women. She currently serves on the Executive Committee and as Treasurer for the YMCA of Greater Springfield. She also serves on the finance committees for both the Massachusetts and Connecticut Food Associations.

She and her husband, David Niemczura have two children and reside in Palmer.



Brimfield Annual Town Meeting June 20th

By Elise Linscott
elinscott@turley.com

BRIMFIELD – Brimfield will hold its Annual Town Meeting this Saturday, with 34 articles on the warrant.

The meeting will start at 1 p.m. at Brimfield Auction Acres, 35 Main St.

Two articles pertain to short-term rentals in town, including Article 22, which establishes a 6% local tax and a 3% community impact fee. Article 23 requires short-term rentals like AirBnB, VRBO, and bed and breakfasts to show that they are registered, carry pertinent insurance and have inspection certificates ensuring compliance with town bylaws.

Article 25 on the warrant is a request from the Brimfield Police Department for \$16,000 for two new Yamaha

ATVs or equivalent vehicles. Article 19 asks for \$9,800 to purchase new Motorola handheld radios for the police.

Article 26 asks voters to approve a new zoning map for the town.

Article 27 amends the zoning by-law and add a section on estate lots. According to the warrant, “The purpose of this bylaw is to allow for the creation of lots for single-family dwelling units only, with less than the required frontage, in exchange for increased square footage, for the purposes of preservation of open space and decreasing density in given areas.”

According to the definition in the warrant, the area of an estate lot is defined as having at least five acres including the access strip and will only be allowed in residential and agricultural-residential districts.

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